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CONTACT REPORT

SUBJECT: Meeting with Manuel Gondis, Pine Cottage, Coral Gables, Florida, 1130 hours, 17 September 1960

1. Gondis had asked for this private meeting since he wanted to raise a few sensitive items. Oscar Diaz and Orlando Garcia were working in behalf of Sanchez Arengo and were in touch with Muñoz Ferrer. This amounted to a scandal and should be stopped.

2. Tony Vargas -- while in Mexico -- had met publicly with Burgess Sterling; this, too, is a scandal.

3. Gondis had asked Padre Posada, a Spanish Jesuit living in Cuba, to go to Spain in order to explore with Franco the possibility of recruiting in Spain approximately one thousand soldiers who would be trained, put under the command of a Cuban officer, and then sent into Cuba together with our other guerrilla teams (this information was transmitted to C/WB/4/PW on 20 September 1960). I expressed considerable doubt about the political wisdom of such a move and the matter was left there, especially since Gondis added that he had called this item already to the attention of [redacted] Smith. 03

4. Gondis elaborated on his ideas concerning the formation of a special commando unit -- a unit specially trained to perform sabotage activities. My comment was that he should raise this matter with [redacted] Smith and that this topic would also be a suitable item for future discussions in New York with "Fender's top military advisor." 03

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